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In some departments the figures are much worse: in Chemistry 67 to 1, Pharmacy 103 to 1, Machine Technology 131 to 1, Electro-technology 146 to 1. There are professors who have charge of as many as 100 essays for a diploma and 20 doctoral dissertations in a year. The State Secretariat asserts that this state of affairs must come to an end, and it intends to double the number of university teachers by 1965 in most departments, remarking that young graduates (Nachwuchs) and experienced scientists and practical workers for the economy must be engaged as instructors and professors.

4. The development of the common schools into "Socialist polytechnical high schools" will also necessitate a great increase in the teaching force. At least 50,000 new teachers will be needed by 1965, over half of whom will be trained in the universities.
5. Difficulty is found in inducing recent graduates to return to the universities as assistants after they have worked for two or three years in the "Socialist practice". The reason for this lies in the salary question. The basic salary of assistants in university institutes is 675 marks, whereas in industry the salary often amounts to 900-1200 marks after two years. An attempt is being made to guarantee the return of such persons as university teachers by means of contracts made in advance.
6. The universities and colleges have been affected by the "flight from the Republic", even though this has decreased in the last year. In the first six months of 1959, it is stated, 122 scholars and scientists left East Germany, of whom 7.3% were professors, 13.6% instructors, and 79.1% assistants. The largest numbers were from Berlin, Leipzig, and Halle; 46.6% came from the departments of Medicine and 18% from the departments of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. The State Secretariat gives as explanations for these flights the systematic inducement campaign of "the enemy" a large number of false concepts held by the scientists, and finally "a false attitude, in contradiction to our policy toward the intelligentsia, on the part of staff members of the universities and of various government offices".

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